board from and after the date of the merger.

- (c) If the sanitary district board serves staggered four-year terms, the resolution shall designate one of those two persons to serve until the organizational meeting after the next election of a sanitary district board, and the other to serve until the organizational meeting after the second succeeding election of a sanitary district board. Successors shall be elected by the qualified voters of the sanitary district for fourvear terms.
- (d) If the sanitary district board serves nonstaggered four-year terms, or serves two-year terms, the two persons shall serve until the organizational meeting after the next election of a sanitary district board. Successors shall be elected by the qualified voters of the sanitary district for terms of the same length as other sanitary district board members.
- (e) When a sanitary district and metropolitan water district are merged under this section, the sanitary district board may change the name of the sanitary district. Notice of such name change shall be filed with the Commission for Health Services."
- Sec. 4. If a sanitary district and a city or town were merged in any election conducted prior to January 1, 1989, under G.S. 130A-80, and the merger did not qualify under that section, but would have been permissible under G.S. 130A-80.2 as enacted by Section 2 of this act, that merger is in all respects validated and confirmed.
 - Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of June, 1989.

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CHAPTER 195

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 153A-60(4) is repealed.

Sec. 2. G.S. 153A-61 is repealed.

Sec. 3. G.S. 153A-64 reads as rewritten:

" § 153A-64. Filing results of election copy of resolution.

If the proposition resolution is approved under G.S. 153A-61, 153A-60, a certified true copy of the resolution and a copy of the abstract of the election shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Supreme Court Library, and with the Legislative Library."

Sec. 4. G.S. 153A-58(3) reads as rewritten:

" § 153A-58. Optional structures.

A county may alter the structure of its board of commissioners by